THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) Under the grant-in-aid scheme of Integrated Programme for Older Persons (Plan Scheme), the annual recurring grant (90%) is given to Non Governmental Organisations subject to a maximum amount of Rs. 2,76,412/- for running one old age home with 25 residents.

(c) There is no proposal to increase the grant.

(d) Does not arise.

Displacement of tribals in Andhra Pradesh

3934. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints about the displacement of tribals due to major irrigation projects in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps contemplated by his Ministry to safeguard the interests of tribals in the areas which are coming under the 5th Schedule of the Constitution?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has received some complaints from the public and their representatives against the construction of the Polavaram Irrigation Project. The complaints are mainly about technical flaws in the project, non-identification of suitable alternatives and non-observation of Constitutional safeguard provided to tribals under Schedule V of the Constitution and laws like the Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996. A number of Public Interest Litigations (PILs) have also been filed in the High Court of Andhra Pradesh in this context. The matter is *sub-judice*.

All proposals for clearance of resettlement and rehabilitation for irrigation projects received in this Ministry are examined to ensure that the Constitutional provisions enshrined in Schedule-V and under PESA are followed so that the interests of tribals are not adversely affected.